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Torrance, California  
October 14, 1947

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the city of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, October 14, 1947, at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being: Councilmen: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 10, 1947; the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held September 15, 1947; the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held September 23, 1947; and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held October 7, 1947, be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. B. C. Buxton be appointed as a member of the Torrance City Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation on September 15, 1947 of Mr. George V. Powell. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At Mayor Sherfey's request, Mr. Buxton came forward and was formally sworn into office by Clerk Bartlett. Mr. Buxton then read aloud the Oath of Office, after which he was heartily welcomed into the group by each member of the Council.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A Petition, bearing the signatures of eight property owners on the fifty foot strip between Hawthorne Avenue and Amie Street, known as Garnet Street, was presented, enclosing an Easement Deed covering said strip, and requesting acceptance of the Deed by the City when properly executed and acknowledged.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this matter be referred to the City Engineer for study and recommendation to the Council at a later meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Roy B. Beebe, Cosmic Research Laboratories, 2160 Fashion Avenue, Long Beach, signed by Earl G. Beebe, General Manager, requesting an extension of bus service to his establishment at 2831 E. 223rd Street, Dominguez.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this communication be referred to William Murphey, Bus Lines Manager, for study and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Sherfey announced that the Public Hearing would now take place on the Petition of the California-Nevada Properties, Inc., for a Change of Zone, Tract No. 10306, Case No. 89.

There being no protests, either written or oral, Councilman Tolson moved that the City Attorney be authorized to draw up the necessary rezoning ordinance. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full the Affidavit of Mailing Notices in connection with the Public Hearing to take place on the proposed work in the Vista Highlands Improvement District.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Affidavit of Mailing Notices be accepted and filed in the City Clerk's Office. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the Public Hearing would now take place in order to hear protests or objections on the proposed work in the Vista Highlands Improvement District.

Clerk Bartlett read in its entirety the Debt Limitation Report, submitted by Harold A. Barnett, Engineer for the District.

Mayor Sherfey asked Clerk Bartlett to report the number of written protests he had received. Clerk Bartlett stated that he had received Petitions bearing the signatures of two hundred protestants; and that he had received one Petition bearing one hundred sixty-nine signatures requesting that their signatures be withdrawn from the protesting petition and stating that they were in favor of the District if the City would be willing to bear some of the expense, due to the high cost for improvements at this time.

A communication was read from the Thrifty Building Service, Inc., signed by M. A. Sommers, Secretary, protesting, not to the District itself, but against being included in the District, as their property, namely, Parcel Nos. 129 and 137 inclusive, has already been improved in the same manner as is proposed for the District.

City Engineer Jain stated that he is aware of this case, and that the improvements were made approximately four years ago and are of a type comparable to those to be made in the District.

Mayor Sherfey asked for oral protests, which were voiced by the following people in that order:

1. Mr. James Lynch  
1604 Juniper Avenue  
Torrance
2. Mr. Edward Dalton  
2804 Sonoma Avenue  
Torrance
3. Mr. Edward Pietzschke  
2765 Carson Street  
Torrance
4. Mr. Bert M. Lynn  
915 Amapola Avenue  
Torrance

Mr. Jack E. Long, 1222 Date Avenue, expressed approval of the improvements, stating that, perhaps, by the time the actual work on the project is begun, prices of the materials will be greatly reduced making the individual assessments smaller and therefore less hardship to the property owners.

In answer to Mr. Long's inquiry, Mr. Barnett stated that this Hearing may be continued at other meetings, as long as they are held during the thirty day period before the Resolution of Intention is presented.

Answering City Engineer Jain's question, Mr. Barnett also stated that, if the Hearing is continued to a later date, any statement made for or against the District by property owners tonight, may be withdrawn.

Mr. Fay L. Parks, 2530 Eldorado, spoke in favor of the project, in spite of the fact that his individual assessment will be considerably higher than many others.

For the benefit of the protestants, City Engineer Jain advised that, in all probability, State and County aids will be enlisted in the improvement of pavements, curbs and sidewalks on Torrance Boulevard and Carson Streets within the Vista Highlands Improvement District. If this is done, he pointed out, the entire cost of the work will be reduced, and the savings distributed over the area. In this manner, each property owner will have less expense to bear.

Mr. Barnett recommended that the Public Hearing be continued to a future date and that all remarks and written protests be referred to the City Engineer for analysis of what has been received thus far.

Following some additional discussion, Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council concur in Mr. Barnett's recommendation that the next Hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 1947, at 7:30 p.m., and that a representative group of five persons from the proposed District be present to discuss the matter with the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:38 p.m., Councilman Gilbert withdrew from the meeting.

At 8:50 p.m., Mayor Sherfey declared a five-minute recess.

At 9:00 p.m., the Council reconvened and Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from W. H. Hornstra, Meadow Park Dairy, 17000 So. Normandie Avenue, Gardena, requesting a refund of \$24.00, due to the fact that a business route license had been taken out twice by different persons for the same route.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this request be granted and the refund made. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

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A communication was read from the United Steelworkers of America, Local Union 1414, C. I. O., 1316 Border Avenue, signed by Luke C. Nickol, Secretary, submitting a resolution urging the Council to grant City employees an increase in wages and negotiate for improved working conditions.

Councilman Jackson moved that this communication be considered at the joint meeting of the representatives of the Torrance Unit of the C. I. O. Public Workers Union and the Council scheduled for October 22, 1947. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance C. I. O. Coordinating Council, 1316 Border Avenue, signed by Walter W. Smith, Secretary, recommending that Mr. Nicholas O. Drale of North Torrance be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation from the City Council of Mr. George V. Powell. Matter of record.

A communication was read from J. A. Whitecotton, 18207 Prairie Avenue, requesting permission to park a trailer in his back yard to serve as sleeping accommodation for his mother.

Councilman Jackson moved that a temporary permit, not to exceed ninety days, be granted Mr. Whitecotton. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Boyce I. Johnson, Ellinwood Ranch,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from Hawthorne Boulevard, requesting permission to pipe Dominguez water to his lease which lies within the Torrance Water District.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to the City Attorney for investigation and recommendation to the Council at a later date. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, advising the necessity for providing a crossing guard for school children by the City of Torrance at the intersection of 182nd Street and Hawthorne Avenue.

A communication in the above regard was read from Chief John H. Stroh, Police Department, stating that the cost for a guard at this crossing would run about \$30.00 a month, during the school term.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation to the Council. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mr. Paul L. Lessing Weld Shop, The National Supply Company, advising that the National Supply Rod and Gun Club is considering the construction of a wading pool in the City Park for the children of Torrance. In his letter, Mr. Lessing extended an invitation to Mayor Sherfey to attend the next Club meeting on October 15, 1947, at 7:30 p.m., for further discussion of the matter.

Mayor Sherfey stated that he will attend the meeting and report any new developments to the Council.

A communication was read from General Petroleum Corporation, 108 West Second Street, Los Angeles, with reference to a Right-of-Way Contract, dated March 25, 1941, between the Corporation and the City of Torrance. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Regional Division 11833, Technocracy Inc., 1526 Cravens Avenue, signed by S. C. Staxrud, Director, requesting the rental of the Civic Auditorium for the purpose of conducting a lecture on Technocracy by an authorized speaker on November 15th at 8:00 p.m.

Due to the fact that at the present time the Auditorium is being rented every Saturday night to the Torrance Area Youth Bands, Mayor Sherfey moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to contact the Director of the Bands in order to ascertain whether or not they would be willing to relinquish the use of the building on this particular evening. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.



A communication was read from Regional Division 11833, Technocracy, Inc., 1526 Cravens Avenue, signed by S. C. Staxrud, Director, requesting permission for a parade permit, with police escort for a parade and demonstration of Technocracy's "GRAY FLEET" for November 15, 1947.

Councilman Tolson moved that this matter be referred to the Chief of Police for recommendation to the Council.

Councilman Tolson withdrew his motion upon Chief Stroh's request.

Chief Stroh advised the Council that Technocracy, Inc. in this area has one hundred fifty automobiles, each equipped with a loud speaker. The cars parade through the city streets informing citizens of the meaning of Technocracy via the loud speakers. The Police escort, Chief Stroh stated, is for the purpose of avoiding streets where the loud speaker license is not applicable. He recommended that the organization be granted permission to hold a parade and to use one loud speaker on the date requested.

Councilman Tolson moved that Technocracy, Inc. be granted permission to hold a parade and to use one loud speaker on November 15, 1947, in concurrence with Chief Stroh's recommendation. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Veterans Service Center, Torrance Area, signed by J. G. Caldwell, Director, requesting that the Council consider the possibility of employing a number of Veterans as apprentice trainees, under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

Mayor Sherfey stated that there is little, if any, opportunity for employment of Veterans by the City as apprentice trainees; however, he suggested that Mr. Caldwell be invited to meet with the Council to discuss this matter further.

A communication was read from Mr. Gus D. Weber, 1903 Andreo Avenue, stating that the letter he received from the City Clerk's Office on September 3rd did not answer his problem satisfactorily. He requested a more definite report on what to do about an overgrown hedge between his property and that which adjoins it.

After some discussion Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advise Mr. Weber to visit the office of City Attorney Willett in order to clarify what action may be taken. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. C. Hedgecock, Secretary and Treasurer of the Royal Mutual Water Company, 18211 Prairie Avenue, stating the urgent need for water service in the area at 174th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, declaring that that established community should be considered first in the construction of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2. Also, he advised of the vital need for bus transportation in that district.

After some discussion, Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to the Board of Directors of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2 at its next regular meeting, and that an answer be forwarded to the Council at that time. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from California-Nevada Properties, Inc., 8949 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, signed by L. Blake Baldwin, Vice President, advising of the necessity for a resolution passed by the Council covering the fire plugs in Tract 10306.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to City Attorney Willett and Water Superintendent Stanger for their recommendation to the Council on the preparation of a resolution, if such is necessary. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the American Right of Way and Appraisal Contractors, 1337 Edgecliffe Drive, Los Angeles, signed by Joseph A. Gallagher, Sr., President, offering a proposal to secure the rights of way for the Walteria Sewer Easements and for the Hawthorne Avenue street widening acquisition for a sum of \$650.00 per month.

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City Engineer Jain stated that these projects could be completed for a much more reasonable sum by his own office if and when additional help is hired, and recommended that action on this letter be held up temporarily.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to the City Engineer for study and recommendation to the Council at the next regular meeting. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City Planning Commission, signed by Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, advising that the Commission at its regular meeting held October 7, 1947, reconsidered the Petition for Special Permit, Case No. 88, of Mr. Sol Burns to operate a salvage and junk yard on Lots 1 to 5 inclusive in Block 123 and Lots 2 to 5 inclusive, in Block 122 in Tract No. 2807. The Commission granted the Permit, providing that the Petitioner comply with all the conditions set forth in the application for Permit. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Torrance City Planning Commission, signed by Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, advising that the Commission recently considered and approved the Petition for Variance, Case No. 92, of Mr. E. G. Ford to permit the use of an existing building at 2042-44 West 237th Street as a machine shop. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Torrance City Planning Commission, signed by Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, advising of the necessity for conducting a third Public Hearing before the Council on the Petition of John E. Kettler for Change of Zone, affecting all of Tract No. 14016; reclassifying this property from an A-1 Zone, to an R-1 Zone; excepting Lot 9, in Block 1, Tract No. 14016, which it is desired to change to a C-1 Zone.

Mayor Sherfey moved that a third Public Hearing on Mr. Kettler's Petition for Change of Zone be held at the Regular Meeting on November 12, 1947. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City Planning Commission, signed by Glenn M. Jain, Secretary, stating that the Petition for Variance, Case No. 97, of Mr. Otto J. Batsch to construct a steel canopy and wash rack in connection with his existing service station at 2319 Arlington Avenue, was recently considered and granted by the Commission. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer and Secretary, Torrance City Planning Commission, advising that Final Maps of Tract Nos. 14838 (Kettler Knolls No. 2) and 14898 (Hollywood Riviera District No. 2) were formally considered and approved by the Commission at its Regular Meeting held October 7, 1947. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, advising once again of the desirability of having only one ordinance and civil service board for all employees of the City of Torrance, and requesting that this matter be considered for the forthcoming special election.

Councilman Jackson moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole for future study. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, requesting a recommendation from the Council with regard to the question of whether or not Civil Service examinations should be held for the position of Crossing Guard.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this matter be referred to the City Attorney for study and that his opinion be passed on to the Council in the near future. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Otto B. Willett, City Attorney, stating that City Ordinance No. 316, Section 7, Subdivision 5, will allow the construction of the proposed Veterans of Foreign War's Club House on property in the City of Torrance, providing that the Club House will be operated for their members only and not operated as a commercial enterprise. Matter of record.

A communication was read from William Murphey, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, submitting a new contract from the B. F. Goodrich Company to cover the period from October 1, 1947 to September 30, 1948 covering tires used by the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. He requested that the copies of contract be executed and returned as indicated in the contract.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute the contract between the City of Torrance and B. F. Goodrich Company. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, requesting that an appropriation of \$1823.75 be made for the purchase of traffic striping materials.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$1823.75 be made for the purchase of 1250 lbs. of Prismo Beads, 450 gals. Bauer Zone-Lac, and 225 gals. of Prismo Paint Binder. He added that these items will be all of this type needed by the Street Department for a year's time. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, outlining the amount of work being done by the Engineering Office in connection with building and other inspections, and stating that additional personnel is urgently needed.

Mayor Sherfey moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole and City Engineer Jain at a joint informal meeting to be held in the immediate future, at which time City Engineer Jain is to submit his recommendation as to the additional personnel needed in his office. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, recommending that action on the request of the City of Los Angeles to clean up the rubbish on Western Avenue, south of Plaza del Amo, be withheld until additional dump facilities are acquired. He advised that immediate action be taken to either purchase or condemn the abandoned brick yard adjacent to the City Dump for use as a City Dump.

Councilman Tolson moved that this communication be referred to the Council as a whole for discussion, together with City Engineer Jain, at the placed informal meeting to be held in the near future. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. E. McMaster, Fire Chief, with reference to installing three used fire hydrants in the new tract in Walteria as a temporary measure until such time as larger mains and hydrants can be installed.

Councilman Tolson moved that the installation of the three fire hydrants in Walteria be authorized. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from J. E. McMaster, Fire Chief, recommending the installation of nine fire hydrants in the Torrance Manor, Tract No. 14232.

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Councilman Tolson moved that the recommendation of the Fire Chief be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 394

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF LOTS 3, 4, 5, 36, 37 AND 38, BLOCK 1, OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 33, MEADOW PARK TRACT, FROM AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE TO A C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 394 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 394 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 395

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF TRACT NO. 13901, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE; EXCEPTING LOT 1, BLOCK 8, TO BE RECLASSIFIED TO A C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) ZONE; AND LOT 23, BLOCK 4, TO BE RESERVED FOR PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 395 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 395 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Mayor Sherfey asked Clerk Bartlett if he had received a communication from Mrs. W. C. Moyer, 2118 Carson Street.

Clerk Bartlett replied that he had. He presented and read the communication in which Mrs. Moyer stated that she is having difficulty in the moving of a house onto a lot she has purchased due to the position of two trees on the front of the lot.

A communication from City Engineer Jain to Mrs. Moyer, which was attached to her letter, was read stating that the City will remove the two trees at her expense.

City Engineer Jain advised that he had recently discussed the matter with Mrs. Moyer over the telephone, that she asked permission to have the trees trimmed and agreed to have it done herself, due to the fact that the City has established the policy of charging both for the removal and the trimming of City trees.

City Attorney Willett presented and passed among the members of the Council a supplemental agreement to be attached to and made a part of the original contract between Mr. Tarkington, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport and the City of Torrance. Mr. Willett explained that this supplemental agreement provides for the sale of wholesale gasoline at the Lomita Flight Strip, which provision was not included in the original contract.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign this supplemental agreement. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1867

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ORDER THE VACATION  
OF A PORTION OF BEECH AVENUE, MARICOPA STREET  
AND CERTAIN ALLEYS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1867 be dispensed with. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1867 be adopted. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

City Attorney Willett advised that, with reference to the Lomita Flight Strip suit filed by a group of Lomita businessmen, the second Superior Court decision handed down last week was in favor of the City of Torrance. He stated, however, that the businessmen may file an appeal on or before next December 7th, if they so desire.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council authorize the employment of Fred A. Keith, as Construction Inspector, at a salary of \$250.00 per month, on a temporary basis, pending a civil service examination, employment effective as of September 26, 1947. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$825.00, including tax, be made for a one-inch rock and oil surfacing on Park Street in Walteria. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$825.00, including tax, be made for a one-inch rock and oil surfacing on Ward Street in Walteria. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of \$675.00, including tax, be made for a one-inch rock and oil surfacing on Madison Street in Walteria. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$425.00, plus tax, be made for road oil for constructing a road mix surfacing on Santa Fe Avenue, between Arlington Avenue and Cherry Avenue. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

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Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$400.00, plus tax, be made for road oil for constructing a road mix surfacing on Apple Avenue, between Lincoln Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson stated that the foregoing appropriations for street repair materials are within this fiscal year's budget and will take care of such repairs as are needed sometime into next spring.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$771.12 be made to the Chamber of Commerce for current expenses; and also, that the City Clerk be authorized to request the Chamber of Commerce to attach a complete breakdown of expenses, including invoices, etc., to each request for payment. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Mayor be authorized to appoint a member of the Council to sit with the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors during their meetings in order to keep the Council informed of their proceedings. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Councilman Buxton be appointed to sit with the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at each of their meetings to keep the Council informed of their proceedings. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that City Engineer Jain's recommendation to hire a qualified airport engineer to aid in the development of the Lomita Flight Strip be concurred in and that the City Airport Planning Commission be so notified. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Clerk Bartlett be authorized to write to Chairman Tom McGuire requesting that a meeting of the City Airport Planning Commission be held immediately, together with the members of the City Council, in order to start action in the Planning of the Airport. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Attorney Willett advised the Council that, in his opinion, no rezoning could be accomplished at the Airport until the deed to the property is obtained from the Government.

City Engineer Jain offered his opinion, stating that it might be advisable to initiate proceedings in this regard, then when the deed is obtained, more definite planning may be done.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Joseph Cappuccio, 1561 W. 224th Street, addressed the Council with his problem of building plans for a fresh-dressed poultry shop on Cabrillo Avenue.

Mayor Sherfey suggested to Mr. Cappuccio that he discuss his problem in private with the members of the Council and the City Engineer immediately after the meeting is adjourned. Mr. Cappuccio agreed to do so.

Mr. Jacob Brock, 3840 Newton Street, Waleria, related to the Council the difficulty he is having in obtaining any adjustment for the damage done to his personal property in the fire at his garage which was caused by the Waleria Fire Department several months ago. He stated that, on the advice of the insurance company representative, he destroyed the damaged items; then when



the insurance adjustor called, he had no evidence to produce. Therefore, he did not receive any settlement. He appealed to the Council for the opportunity to deal directly with the City, rather than the insurance company.


Mayor Sherfey informed Mr. Brock that this was impossible. Mr. Brock stated that he would forget the whole incident, rather than approach the insurance company again.

Councilman Tolson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Tolson, Sherfey and Buxton. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

At 10:45 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, October 21, 1947, at 7:30 p.m.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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